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SPEED MOTOR

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 8, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

For:

This paper is submitted in response to the office action mailed February 8, 2005 (the "office action"). The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the extension fees and any other fees that may be required for any reason under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 relating to this paper from Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP Deposit Account No. 12-1322/021902-096US.

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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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